

TURKEYS

Number Raised
1964 Intentions

January 30, 1964

GROWERS INTEND TO RAISE MORE TURKEYS IN 1964

Turkey growers intend to produce 4 percent more turkeys in 1964 than last year the Crop Reporting Board announced today. Present plans are to increase heavy breeds 4 percent with heavy whites up 13 percent and other heavy breeds down 2 percent. An increase of 6 percent is planned for light breeds. If growers carry out their intentions, about 97.0 million turkeys will be raised compared with the revised estimate of 93.4 million in 1963. Increased production of turkeys is planned in all regions of the country--20 percent in the South Central States, 7 percent in the South Atlantic States, 2 percent in the North Atlantic and the East North Central States, and 1 percent in the West North Central and the Western States.

Growers intend to raise 86.8 million heavy breeds in 1964--4 percent more than last year. They plan to raise 36.3 million heavy white breeds, 13 percent more than the 32.2 million raised in 1963. Present plans indicate that heavy white breeds will account for about 42 percent of all heavies raised in 1964, compared with 38 percent in 1963 and 37 percent in 1962. The expected number of heavy whites to be raised in 1964 is above last year in all regions of the country except in the North Atlantic. Increases planned are 63 percent in the South Central, 22 percent in the West, 8 percent in the West North Central, 7 percent in the East North Central, and 6 percent in South Atlantic regions. Decrease planned is 5 percent in the North Atlantic States.

Growers intend to raise 50.5 million bronze and other heavy breed turkeys, compared with 51.5 million in 1963--a decrease of 2 percent. Decreases indicated are 4 percent in the West North Central and West and 10 percent in the East North Central regions. These decreases are partially offset by increases of 9 percent in the North Atlantic and South Atlantic and 3 percent in the South Central regions.

Light breed producers plan to raise 10.2 million light breed turkeys in 1964, up 6 percent from last year. Increased production of light breeds is planned in all regions of the country except in the West North Central and the West. Increases planned are 69 percent in the South Central, 16 percent in the North Atlantic, 12 percent in the East North Central and 6 percent in the South Atlantic. Decreases in intentions to raise were 15 percent in the Western States and 4 percent in the West North Central regions.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 1964 may vary somewhat from the January 1, 1964 intentions of growers. Such changes depend on reactions to this report, price of feed, supply and prices of hatching eggs and poults, and prices received for turkeys during the next few months. On January 1, 1963 growers intended to produce 3 percent more turkeys in 1963 than 1962. The crop turned out to be 1 percent more than in 1962. In recent months, the turkey-feed price ratio has been about the same as in late 1962 but well below the more favorable levels of 1960 and earlier years.

Testings of all heavy breed turkeys during July through December 1963 were down 1 percent from the corresponding period of the previous year. The July-December 1963 testings of lights were up 15 percent from the same months last year. Testings of breeder hens indicate that hatching egg supplies will be adequate to permit turkey growers to expand output this year.

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Intentions to raise turkeys in 1964

State and division	Number raised in 1963			Intended for raising in 1964			Total turkeys 1964 as % of 1963
	Heavy	Light	Total	Heavy	Light	Total	
	:breeds	:breeds	: Total	:breeds	:breeds	: Total	
	: Thou.	: Thou.	: Thou.	: Thou.	: Thou.	: Thou.	: Percent
Maine	: 28	: 0	: 28	: 27	: 0	: 27	: 96
N.H.	: 86	: 0	: 86	: 82	: 0	: 82	: 95
Vt.	: 20	: 0	: 20	: 19	: 0	: 19	: 95
Mass.	: 353	: 8	: 361	: 355	: 9	: 364	: 101
R.I.	: 20	: 1	: 21	: 21	: 1	: 22	: 105
Conn.	: 226	: 12	: 238	: 213	: 12	: 225	: 95
N.Y.	: 453	: 40	: 493	: 385	: 35	: 420	: 85
N.J.	: 150	: 9	: 159	: 222	: 9	: 231	: 145
Pa.	: 1,267	: 115	: 1,382	: 1,306	: 148	: 1,454	: 105
N.A.	: 2,603	: 185	: 2,788	: 2,630	: 214	: 2,844	: 102
Ohio	: 2,777	: 919	: 3,696	: 2,973	: 1,103	: 4,076	: 110
Ind.	: 2,970	: 252	: 3,222	: 2,913	: 202	: 3,115	: 97
Ill.	: 1,054	: 38	: 1,092	: 982	: 67	: 1,049	: 96
Mich.	: 1,051	: 56	: 1,107	: 886	: 48	: 934	: 84
Wis.	: 5,269	: 90	: 5,359	: 5,515	: 102	: 5,617	: 105
E.N.C.	: 13,121	: 1,355	: 14,476	: 13,269	: 1,522	: 14,791	: 102
Minn.	: 13,784	: 1,300	: 15,084	: 13,805	: 1,300	: 15,105	: 100
Iowa	: 7,110	: 854	: 7,964	: 7,248	: 880	: 8,128	: 102
Mo.	: 4,396	: 825	: 5,221	: 4,445	: 668	: 5,113	: 98
N.Dak.	: 805	: 17	: 822	: 861	: 3	: 864	: 105
S.Dak.	: 561	: 338	: 899	: 565	: 355	: 920	: 102
Nebr.	: 897	: 17	: 914	: 950	: 11	: 961	: 105
Kans.	: 734	: 26	: 760	: 741	: 20	: 761	: 100
W.N.C.	: 28,287	: 3,377	: 31,664	: 28,615	: 3,237	: 31,852	: 101
Del.	: 168	: 176	: 344	: 158	: 194	: 352	: 102
Md.	: 187	: 50	: 237	: 187	: 40	: 227	: 96
Va.	: 2,391	: 2,285	: 4,676	: 2,400	: 2,651	: 5,051	: 108
W.Va.	: 334	: 830	: 1,164	: 415	: 772	: 1,187	: 102
N.C.	: 2,676	: 50	: 2,726	: 2,543	: 45	: 2,588	: 95
S.C.	: 446	: 15	: 461	: 458	: 16	: 474	: 103
Ga.	: 1,075	: 102	: 1,177	: 1,681	: 20	: 1,701	: 145
Fla.	: 50	: 176	: 226	: 53	: 176	: 229	: 101
S.A.	: 7,327	: 3,684	: 11,011	: 7,895	: 3,914	: 11,809	: 107
Ky.	: 622	: 5	: 627	: 894	: 7	: 901	: 144
Tenn.	: 100	: 0	: 100	: 165	: 0	: 165	: 165
Ala.	: 496	: 40	: 536	: 691	: 85	: 776	: 145
Miss.	: 166	: 3	: 169	: 142	: 3	: 145	: 86
Ark.	: 2,661	: 335	: 2,996	: 3,349	: 636	: 3,985	: 133
La.	: 34	: 1	: 35	: 31	: 1	: 32	: 91
Okla.	: 1,368	: 69	: 1,437	: 1,388	: 55	: 1,443	: 100
Texas	: 4,553	: 32	: 4,585	: 5,087	: 32	: 5,119	: 112
S.C.	: 10,000	: 485	: 10,485	: 11,747	: 819	: 12,566	: 120
Mont. & Idaho ^{1/}	: ---	: ---	: 285	: ---	: ---	: 284	: 100
Wyo.	: 3	: 0	: 3	: 4	: 0	: 4	: 133
Colo.	: 1,980	: 6	: 1,986	: 1,954	: 5	: 1,959	: 99
N.Mex.	: 7	: 1	: 8	: 6	: 0	: 6	: 75
Ariz.	: 209	: 0	: 209	: 218	: 0	: 218	: 104
Utah	: 3,247	: 74	: 3,321	: 3,274	: 0	: 3,274	: 99
Nev.	: 0	: 0	: 0	: 0	: 0	: 0	: ---
Wash.	: 367	: 8	: 375	: 377	: 8	: 385	: 103
Oreg.	: 1,495	: 182	: 1,677	: 1,401	: 182	: 1,583	: 94
Calif.	: 14,845	: 237	: 15,082	: 15,178	: 225	: 15,403	: 102
West	: 22,364	: 582	: 22,946	: 22,622	: 494	: 23,116	: 101
U.S.	: 83,702	: 9,668	: 93,370	: 86,778	: 10,200	: 96,978	: 104

^{1/} Montana and Idaho combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.